

REPORTED LAND SOLD AT PANAMA TO JAPANESE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Investigation of reports from Panama that a 40,000-acre land concession at the Atlantic end of the canal is being sought by a Spaniard named Fernandez, presumably for Japanese interests, was ordered today by Secretary Lansing. Rumors of a similar nature have been common since the canal was well under way, but it was not till several months ago that they reached a well-defined outline.

At that time it was commonly believed, in diplomatic circles, that private Japanese shipping interests were seeking land through Spanish intermediaries to establish a base for storing coal at lower rates than could be had from the American government monopoly base. So far as is known, nothing definite came of that plan.

The present reports are that Fernandez, Havana agent for the Japanese interests, secured a 40,000-acre land concession through the activity of Ramon Valdez, whose recent election to the presidency of Panama may possibly be disputed by the United States because of alleged frauds and coercion.

Admiral Concas, of the Spanish navy, selected by the Panama government as umpire to settle the dispute with the United States, has been charged with the duty of ascertaining the value of the land and the value of the concession. He is alleged to have given valuable information about the canal itself.

No Such Concession
HAVANA, Aug. 21.—Dr. Ramon Maria Valdez, president-elect of Panama, declared today that he knew nothing concerning the reported sale of the land at the Atlantic end of the Panama canal to a Spaniard named Fernandez, allegedly for use by Japanese interests.

Dr. Valdez said the report that Fernandez had obtained a large land concession through him, was absurd. Some time ago Fernandez approached him on the subject of buying land, but the idea did not appeal to him and he dismissed the subject. Fernandez insisted on having a letter of introduction to the secretary of public works of Panama, and Dr. Valdez says he gave it to him, but he knew nothing further of the movements of Fernandez.

Dr. Valdez added that he knew Fernandez had obtained a concession for a large tract of land in San Blas, on the Caribbean side of Panama about 60 miles east of Colon, but that the concession must have expired, as Fernandez did not deposit the security required by the Panama government. He did not believe that Fernandez had any relations with any Japanese firm.

Neither the government of Panama nor himself, Dr. Valdez continued, are in favor of concessions which are contrary to the existing treaties between Panama and the United States. He said he had cabled the Panamanian minister at Washington to deny that he is connected with the alleged concessions to Fernandez.

CARRANZA SAYS DESIRES PEACE ALONG BORDER

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government command.

Four alleged Villa adherents, recently brought here from the Guerrero district where they were captured by General Cavaero, were tried today by court martial and being found not guilty, were released. Margarito Orozco, a former Villa general, was found guilty of depredations in San Luis Potosi and sentenced to death.

General Trevino announced today that investigation had disclosed that most of the persons under arrest here in connection with alleged revolutionary plots in Juarez and Chihuahua city were the dupes of a few leaders. In this connection he intimated that of the one hundred persons under arrest it is probable that only Jose Inez Salazar, Ortiz Terrazas and a few of the other more prominent prisoners will be brought to trial.

Orders were received at the commandancia here today from Alvaro Obregon, minister of war, that no information concerning movements of Mexican troops be issued to the press other than from the war office in Mexico City. Efforts are being made here, however, to obtain a modification of the order, at least so far as operations in this section are concerned.

Red Report Unfounded
EL PASO, Aug. 21.—A report that a band of Mexicans made a raid into American territory last night proved, on investigation completed by Gen-

Starving Tots Crawl Over Body of Dead Mother

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CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—The police tonight sent out a nation-wide notice to authorities to search for John L. Labeo, husband of Mrs. John Labeo, who was found slain with an axe, in her flat here today, with her two small children, near death from starvation, crawling over her body.

Information reached the police that Labeo and his wife had quarreled. The murder, it is believed, occurred Friday. The children, one four months old and the other fourteen months old, apparently had been without food for twenty-two hours.

GIBBONS FREE; SPENCE CAUGHT

It was plumb tough on the United States to lose Billy Gibbons, but it is a consolation that at the time of losing this misguided former reclamation service man, the slench of the government acquired the person of another, who had fallen from grace.

T. A. Spence, one-time timekeeper in a work camp in this valley, was arrested at Houston, Texas, yesterday, according to information received by United States Attorney T. A. Flynn and Marshal J. P. Dillon. At about the same time, it was learned that Gibbons, who was being held pending identification as the fugitive named Spence, who had forged reclamation service checks, had jumped a \$2,000 bond in Los Angeles, and was again in the limbo of those for whom notices of reward are sent out. Gibbons' bond is said to have been put up by a man and a woman in Los Angeles, and it is understood their own standing in the community is now under investigation.

Gibbons was arrested a month ago, but was not removed to Phoenix at once. There was considerable delay in finding somebody to identify him.

Spence is charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States. His partner-suspect is B. A. Neen, who used to be a teamster, operating a freight wagon between the camp in which Spence worked and the supply house here in Phoenix. The overt act in their case is alleged to be the forging of time checks. The date of the supposed crime is about June 24, 1915.

Spence has waived removal proceedings (a federal practice, allied to extradition in state cases). The presumption is that on being brought back to Phoenix he will confess and seek the mercy of the court.

According to Marshal Dillon, the search for Gibbons, interrupted by his arrest, etc., will be resumed with the usual diligence of government officials, and should soon result in his second apprehension. This time, there will probably be no bond.

SCHWARTZ ESTATE IS SUBJECT OF DISPUTE

A petition by Harry Newman for letters of administration with will annexed in the estate of Nathan Schwartz is made the subject of what promises to be a spirited dispute in the superior court. The hearing on the petition was continued until the return of Mrs. Schwartz from Pittsburgh. Yesterday Attorney Fred Blair Townsend representing Mrs. Schwartz filed objection to the grant of the return of the will to Newman and at the same time a petition for letters with will annexed to Mrs. Schwartz.

The hearing on this petition was set for September 2.

eral Bell this evening, to be true only so far as some shots had been fired by five Mexicans on Americans engaged in the Taylor ranch, five miles northeast of El Paso.

Evidence shows that the Mexicans belonged to this side of the border, and were either recently discharged employees or some other former laborers with a grudge. After firing about 20 shots, and before the Americans could get their arms ready, the Mexicans ran away in the direction of the Rio Grande.

No troops were sent in pursuit, but the border patrols were strengthened in that section.

Manuel Bonilla, minister of the interior under President Madero, who has just returned from New York after a conference with leaders of other factions opposed to Carranza, said in a statement tonight that certain elements of the de facto government had promised to support a movement for a united Mexico.

IMMIGRATION BILL IS BEFORE SENATE BECAUSE OF REBUTT

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—An unexpected democratic revolt in the senate today resulted in the immigration bill being taken up in defiance of the democratic caucus and opened the way for efforts to displace the revenue bill as unfinished business, an action which might indefinitely prolong the session of congress.

Ten democratic senators voted with the solid republican minority to take up the immigration bill upon a motion by Senator Smith of South Carolina, chairman of the immigration committee. They were Ashurst, Beckham, Chamberlain, Culberson, Hardwick, Lane, Myers, Overman, Smith of South Carolina and Vardaman.

Debate began on the measure immediately and proceeded until 2 o'clock when the revenue bill automatically came before the senate. Senator Smith's motion to displace the revenue bill provoking all afternoon discussion which will be resumed when the senate meets tomorrow.

Administration leaders said tonight that they had enough votes to defeat the Smith motion. Even some of the revolting democrats have declared their intention of voting against it. It is, of course, the prevailing fact over the literary provisions would upset all adjournment calculations.

Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, was particularly anxious that the action of the revolters. He charged them with treachery to the party in overturning the decision of the democratic caucus to postpone action on the immigration bill until December 1.

"It is to turn over to the republican minority the control of legislation," said Senator Stone. "I for one, would rather be in the position of

CERTAIN RUMANIA HAS JOINED SIDE OF ENTENTE ALLIES

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and peace of this year's Rumanian crop and shipments from Germany to Rumania of industrial products continue.

British Stop Germans
LONDON, Aug. 21.—Strong German detachments drove back British cavalry patrols northeast of Highwood on the German front this morning, but were stopped when they came under the fire of the British positions west of the wood. Bombing attacks on Highwood were recalled.

The statement says: "After a heavy bombardment, three hostile bombing attacks were made this morning on Highwood. All were easily repulsed."

JONES DEAD IN POMONA—Ed. L. Jones, died Sunday afternoon in Pomona. His body will be sent to Phoenix, but funeral arrangements have not as yet been announced. Mr. Jones was formerly Miss Mary Hough of this city.

RAILWAY HEADS SEE PRESIDENT THEN CONSIDER

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responsibility of failure will not rest with me.

I wish you to consider the consequences affecting the people of the cities and countryside of a failure to agree. The country cannot live if the means of keeping alive its vitality are interfered with. The lives and fortunes of 100,000,000 men, women and children, many of whom may depend upon what may be done in this room. I appeal to you as one American citizen to another to avert this disaster."

The president spoke in a more intimate fashion than he has in any of the previous conferences. He referred to the disastrous effect which a strike would have "especially at this time when every ounce of American energy and initiative has to be mobilized to meet the extraordinary situation which will emerge out of the European war."

Reiterating that it was impossible for him to bring about arbitration under present conditions, the president declared it was necessary to discuss practical methods of averting a strike. The way, he said, had taught this country that it can no longer remain isolated and provincial; that by reason of its position in the affairs of the world, "we must be ready to play any role as one of the dominant influences in the world's affairs," and that in order to meet the exigencies of new world conditions the varied business and economic interests of the nation must be brought together into an harmonious whole.

"Our great national resources cannot be made available or mobilized in this emergency as a necessary part of national defense," he added, "unless the railroads are made serviceable instrumentalities of backing up any plan of national preparedness."

The railroad executives did not enter into an argument with the president, but Hale Holden, president of the Burlington and spokesman for the road, promised deep consideration of the plan and said the officials would seek to reach an agreement as soon as possible.

Messages on the situation continued to arrive at the White House all day. Many upheld the president's position and many others urged him to support the railroads in their demand for arbitration. Petitions signed by 40,000 non-union employees of the Pennsylvania railroad, copied and sent to the White House during the day, making a total of 80,000 signatures attached to such petitions.

A. B. Garstson, spokesman for the brotherhoods, today declined to make any comment on the railroad managers' statement. Any reply to it he said, would be in the form of an official statement tomorrow.

Mr. Lane's statement follows: "That the railroads should grant, under threat of a national strike, a \$50,000,000 wage preference to a small minority of their employees without hearing before a public tribunal is inconceivable in a democracy like ours. All questions at issue—wages, hours, costs, operating conditions—these are submitted by the great masses of the railroad men to be abandoned in the settlement of industrial disputes?"

"If we are to throw arbitration into the scrap heap what hope can there be in America for industrial peace in the future?"

"A nation-wide strike is unthinkable when the railroads are urged that all the matters in dispute be placed before any tribunal constituted by public au-

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The subject of the address was nominally "Organization." Really, it was a recital of her stormy activities for fifty years in the industrial field over almost the whole continent, with a beginning in the coal mines of Pennsylvania. She described in more detail her experiences in the fields of West Virginia and Ludlow, Colorado. The things she neglected to call the corporations involved in those disputes and the state officials who participated in the strike, were hardly worth mentioning.

It was suspected that "Mother" Jones' address somewhere in its course would degenerate into a blast for Governor Hunt. But the blustering was only incidental, referring to his conduct in the Morenci-Cotton strike when he refused to permit the militia to be employed to put down the strike and at the same time forbade the introduction of gunners into the camp.

That reminded her that Arizona had an earlier government which had denied the use of the military in suppressing a strike. He was Governor Kibbey, at the time of threatened trouble in Bisbee some years ago. She said that only four executives of states could be included in her roll of honor, Alfreed, of Illinois, Hunt and Kibbey of Arizona and Waite, of Colorado. The latter she said was the man who had given the women of the Centennial State the right to vote and it might have been presumed that gratitude would have impelled them to keep him in power. "They were going to do it," said Mother Jones. "But on election day the ministers of the gospel came ground and told them to vote for Jones." They did not vote for Waite anyway and somebody other than Jones occupied the executive chair in Colorado, whether the majority vote was for Jones or not.

Mother Jones appeared to be out of sympathy with reform movements that had no bearing on the cause of labor, such as missionary and temperance societies and she evidently held women's clubs to be an abomination. She announced herself as the forerunner of the child labor movement at which she had since wrought unceasingly until now her work with the aid of the president of the United States had been crowned by the passage of the anti-child labor bill by the senate.

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